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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources
Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize
additional projects and activities under that Act, and
for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Lower Rio Grande Val-
3 ley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act
4 of 2007”.

5 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL PROJECTS AND**
6 **ACTIVITIES UNDER THE LOWER RIO GRANDE**
7 **WATER CONSERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT**
8 **PROGRAM.**

9 (a) **ADDITIONAL PROJECTS.**—Section 4(a) of the
10 Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation
11 and Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–576; 114
12 Stat. 3067) is amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “(20) In Cameron County, Texas, Bayview Irri-
14 gation District No. 11, water conservation and im-
15 provement projects as identified in the March 3,
16 2004, engineering report by NRS Consulting Engi-
17 neers at a cost of \$1,425,219.

18 “(21) In the Cameron County, Texas, Browns-
19 ville Irrigation District, water conservation and im-
20 provement projects as identified in the February 11,
21 2004 engineering report by NRS Consulting Engi-
22 neers at a cost of \$722,100.

23 “(22) In the Cameron County, Texas Harlingen
24 Irrigation District No. 1, water conservation and im-
25 provement projects as identified in the March, 2004,

1 engineering report by Axiom-Blair Engineering at a
2 cost of \$4,173,950.

3 “(23) In the Cameron County, Texas, Cameron
4 County Irrigation District No. 2, water conservation
5 and improvement projects as identified in the Feb-
6 ruary 11, 2004 engineering report by NRS Con-
7 sulting Engineers at a cost of \$8,269,576.

8 “(24) In the Cameron County, Texas, Cameron
9 County Irrigation District No. 6, water conservation
10 and improvement projects as identified in an engi-
11 neering report by Turner Collie Braden, Inc., at a
12 cost of \$5,607,300.

13 “(25) In the Cameron County, Texas, Adams
14 Gardens Irrigation District No. 19, water conserva-
15 tion and improvement projects as identified in the
16 March, 2004 engineering report by Axiom-Blair En-
17 gineering at a cost of \$2,500,000.

18 “(26) In the Hidalgo and Cameron Counties,
19 Texas, Hidalgo and Cameron Counties Irrigation
20 District No. 9, water conservation and improvement
21 projects as identified by the February 11 engineer-
22 ing report by NRS Consulting Engineers at a cost
23 of \$8,929,152.

24 “(27) In the Hidalgo and Willacy Counties,
25 Texas, Delta Lake Irrigation District, water con-

1 servation and improvement projects as identified in
2 the March, 2004 engineering report by Axiom-Blair
3 Engineering at a cost of \$8,000,000.

4 “(28) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Hidalgo
5 County Irrigation District No. 2, a water conserva-
6 tion and improvement project identified in the engi-
7 neering reports attached to a letter dated February
8 11, 2004, from the district’s general manager, at a
9 cost of \$5,312,475.

10 “(29) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Hidalgo
11 County Irrigation District No. 1, water conservation
12 and improvement projects identified in an engineer-
13 ing report dated March 5, 2004 by Melden and
14 Hunt, Inc. at a cost of \$5,595,018.

15 “(30) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Hidalgo
16 County Irrigation District No. 6, water conservation
17 and improvement projects as identified in the
18 March, 2004, engineering report by Axiom-Blair En-
19 gineering at a cost of \$3,450,000.

20 “(31) In the Hidalgo County, Texas Santa
21 Cruz Irrigation District No. 15, water conservation
22 and improvement projects as identified in an engi-
23 neering report dated March 5, 2004 by Melden and
24 Hunt at a cost of \$4,609,000.

1 “(32) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Engelman
2 Irrigation District, water conservation and improve-
3 ment projects as identified in an engineering report
4 dated March 5, 2004 by Melden and Hunt, Inc. at
5 a cost of \$2,251,480.

6 “(33) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Valley
7 Acres Water District, water conservation and im-
8 provement projects as identified in an engineering
9 report dated March, 2004 by Axiom-Blair Engineer-
10 ing at a cost of \$500,000.

11 “(34) In the Hudspeth County, Texas,
12 Hudspeth County Conservation and Reclamation
13 District No. 1, water conservation and improvement
14 projects as identified in the March, 2004, engineer-
15 ing report by Axiom-Blair Engineering at a cost of
16 \$1,500,000.

17 “(35) In the El Paso County, Texas, El Paso
18 County Water Improvement District No. 1, water
19 conservation and improvement projects as identified
20 in the March, 2004, engineering report by Axiom-
21 Blair Engineering at a cost of \$10,500,000.

22 “(36) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Donna Ir-
23 rigation District, water conservation and improve-
24 ment projects identified in an engineering report

1 dated March 22, 2004 by Melden and Hunt, Inc. at
2 a cost of \$2,500,000.

3 “(37) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Hidalgo
4 County Irrigation District No. 16, water conserva-
5 tion and improvement projects identified in an engi-
6 neering report dated March 22, 2004 by Melden and
7 Hunt, Inc. at a cost of \$2,800,000.

8 “(38) The United Irrigation District of Hidalgo
9 County water conservation and improvement
10 projects as identified in a March 2004 engineering
11 report by Sigler Winston, Greenwood and Associates
12 at a cost of \$6,067,021.”.

13 (b) INCLUSION OF ACTIVITIES TO CONSERVE WATER
14 OR IMPROVE SUPPLY; TRANSFERS AMONG PROJECTS.—
15 Section 4 of such Act (Public Law 106–576; 114 Stat.
16 3067) is further amended by redesignating subsection (c)
17 as subsection (e), and by inserting after subsection (b) the
18 following:

19 “(c) INCLUSION OF ACTIVITIES TO CONSERVE
20 WATER OR IMPROVE SUPPLY.—In addition to the activi-
21 ties identified in the engineering reports referred to in
22 subsection (a), each project that the Secretary conducts
23 or participates in under subsection (a) may include any
24 of the following:

1 “(1) The replacement of irrigation canals and
2 lateral canals with buried pipelines.

3 “(2) The impervious lining of irrigation canals
4 and lateral canals.

5 “(3) Installation of water level, flow measure-
6 ment, pump control, and telemetry systems.

7 “(4) The renovation and replacement of pump-
8 ing plants.

9 “(5) Other activities that will result in the con-
10 servation of water or an improved supply of water.

11 “(d) TRANSFERS AMONG PROJECTS.—Of amounts
12 made available for a project referred to in any of para-
13 graphs (20) through (38) of subsection (a), the Secretary
14 may transfer and use for another such project up to 10
15 percent.”.

16 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
17 **LOWER RIO GRANDE CONSTRUCTION.**

18 Section 4(e) of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water
19 Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000
20 (Public Law 106–576; 114 Stat. 3067), as redesignated
21 by section 2(b) of this Act, is further amended by inserting
22 before the period the following: “for projects referred to
23 in paragraphs (1) through (19) of subsection (a), and

1 \$42,356,145 (2004 dollars) for projects referred to in
2 paragraphs (20) through (38) of subsection (a)’’.

Passed the House of Representatives June 5, 2007.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.

By DEBORAH M. SPRIGGS,
Deputy Clerk.